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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ULTRASONIC COMPOUND IMAGING

the specification of which

X was filed on September 18, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/954,808.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information which we know to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	<u>Is Priority Claimed?</u>
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<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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